DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Science and Technology Directorate; Notice of Public Meeting of the Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program Governing Board

AGENCY: Science and Technology Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office for Interoperability and Compatibility (OIC) will hold a public meeting of its Project 25 (P25) Compliance Assessment Program (CAP) Governing Board (GB). The P25 CAP GB is composed of public sector officials who represent the collective interest of organizations that procure P25 equipment. The purpose of the meeting is to review and approve proposed Compliance Assessment Bulletin(s).

The P25 CAP GB will receive public comments on the P25 CAP at this meeting. DHS OIC will post details of the meeting, including the agenda, ten business days in advance of the meeting at *http://www.safecomprogram.gov*.

The meeting is open to the public, but space is limited. All participants must bring proper identification to attend the meeting.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Auditorium of the General Services Administration Building, 301 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20407.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Emergency responders—emergency medical services, fire personnel, and law enforcement officers—need to seamlessly exchange communications across disciplines and jurisdictions to successfully respond to day-to-day incidents and large-scale emergencies. P25 focuses on developing standards that allow radios and other components to interoperate, regardless of manufacturer. In turn, these standards enable emergency responders to exchange critical communications with other disciplines and jurisdictions.

An initial goal of P25 is to specify formal standards for interfaces between the components of a land mobile radio (LMR) system. (LMR systems are commonly used by emergency responders in portable handheld and mobile vehicle-mounted devices.) Although formal standards are being developed, no process is currently in place to confirm that equipment advertised as P25-compliant meets all aspects of P25 standards.

To address discrepancies between P25 standards and industry equipment, Congress passed legislation calling for the creation of the P25 CAP. The P25 CAP is a partnership of the DHS Command, Control and Interoperability Division; the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology; industry; and the emergency response community.

The P25 CAP works to establish a process for ensuring that equipment complies with P25 standards and can interoperate across manufacturers. By providing manufacturers with a method to test their equipment for compliance with P25 standards, the P25 CAP helps emergency response officials make informed purchasing decisions. The program's initial focus is on the Common Air Interface, which allows for over-the-air compatibility between mobile and portable radios, and tower equipment.

For more information on the program, please review OIC's *Charter for the Project 25 Compliance Assessment Program*, which is available at *http://www.safecomprogram.gov*.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Public Workshop on Marine Technology and Standards

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) are sponsoring a two-day public workshop on marine technology and standards in Arlington, VA. This public workshop will provide a unique opportunity for classification societies, industry groups, standards development organizations, governments, and interested members of the public to come together for a professional exchange on topics ranging from technological impacts to the marine industry, corresponding coverage in related codes and standards, and existing government regulations.

DATES: This public workshop will be held 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2008. This workshop is open to the public with advance registration required.

ADDRESSES: The two-day workshop will be held at the Sheraton National Hotel near the Pentagon. The hotel is located at 900 South Orme Street in Arlington, VA, approximately one mile from the Pentagon City Metro Station. The hotel's phone number is (703) 521–1900. Shuttle service to and from the hotel may be available by contacting the hotel directly at the phone number above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about this workshop you may visit the USCG Web site at *http://www.uscg.mil/ marine_event* or contact Mr. Wayne Lundy by telephone at (202) 372–1379 or by e-mail at *Wayne.M.Lundy@uscg.mil.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this workshop is to provide a technical exchange on areas of technology that impact the marine industry with corresponding coverage in related codes and standards and existing government regulations. To register for this workshop, please visit the ASME Web site: *http:// www.asmeconferences.org/asmeuscg08*. Registration deadline is May 23, 2008. While the workshop is open to the public, space is limited due to room capacity restrictions, so we encourage you to register in advance for this event. There is no fee for registration.

Agenda of Meeting

The workshop comprises six panel sessions conducted over a two-day period on a variety of topics.

Day One—June 3, 2008

(1) Use of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) for ship propulsion;

(2) Emerging technologies such as bio-fuels, use of fuel cells for ship propulsion, development of high pressure composite hydrogen pressure vessels, and exhaust gas cleaning systems for ships;

(3) Importation of CNG;